Extent of loss to GDP due to disasters

511. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the review of World Bank direct disaster losses on an average amount of 2 per cent of India's GDP and consume up to 12 per cent of Central Government's revenues yearly;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) the crucial areas identified for such disasters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) As per World Bank study, published in June 2003, India lost upto 2.25% of its GDP and upto 12.15% of Central Government revenues during 1996-2000 due to natural disasters. India is vulnerable to various types of disasters: 55% of its land is prone to earthquake, 8% is vulnerable to cyclone and 5% vulnerable to flood.

CAG'S report on slow pace of MPF

†512. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that questions have been raised in CAG's report with regard to slow pace of Modernization of Police Force (MPF);

(b) if so, the details of the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to complete the task of modernization of police force at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the C&AG's report titled "Audit Evaluation of Modernisation of Police Force in India – January, 2009", the constraints in Modernisation of Police Force, *inter-alia*, included lack of coordination between revenue and police departments in making the land available for police housing and infrastructure creation, sub-optimal levels of manpower position, lack of training in handling sophisticated technology, inadequate preparation to absorb the new technology, etc. However, the report has observed that almost all States had been benefited from the Ministry of Home Affairs' enhanced funding programme.

(c) Although 'Police' is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to modernize and equip its police forces adequately, the Ministry of Home Affairs is supplementing the efforts of State Governments in modernising its police forces by providing Central assistance under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme). During the period 2000-01 to 2008-09, a total amount of Rs. 8856.83 crore was released by the Ministry of Home Affairs to States under the Scheme.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

During the current financial year, out of BE 2009-10 allocation of Rs.820 crore, an amount of Rs. 129.83 crore has been released to State Governments under the Scheme. The modernization of State police forces is an ongoing process and the Central Government has been assisting the State Governments in their police modernization efforts.

CAG report has been followed-up with all State Governments to ensure immediate remedial action. Since February, 2009, a system of concurrent audit on quarterly basis has also been introduced to ensure effective utilization of the MPF Scheme.

Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill

513. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003 (GUJCOCA), passed by the Gujarat Legislative Assembly to deal with terrorism related incidents in the State has been refused President's assent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of amendment, if any, advised by Central Government in the GUJCOCA to Gujarat Government;

(d) whether similar provisions are incorporated in the Maharashtra namely, the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 (MACOCA); and

(e) if so, the reasons behind refusal to give assent to the GUJCOCA, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003 has been returned to Governor of Gujarat on 25.6.2009 together with President's message dated 24.6.2009 to the Legislature of Gujarat to reconsider it and (i) to delete Clause 16, (ii) to substitute 'may' for 'shall' after the words 'Special Court' occurring in Clause 20(2) and bring the proviso in line with the proviso to Section 43D (2) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2008, and (iii) to amend Clause 20(4) to bring it in conformity with Section 43 D (5) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2008.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The assent to the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 (The Maharashtra Act No. XXX of 1999) was given on 24th April, 1999 presumably in accordance with the then policy of the Government. Subsequently, there has been a change in the policy of the Central Government and the Central Government is of the opinion that all subsequent State Acts should be in line with the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2008, as approved by Parliament.

Central assistance to States in view of Naxal attacks

514. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: